MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Irrigation and Miscellaneous*): Estimate for the work has been sanctioned and the work arranged for. Owing to the early onset of the monsoon, it is not possible to proceed with the work now. It will be completed in the dry weather.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Although it is said in the answer "it will be completed in the dry weather" may I know how long this position has been continuing?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The estimate has been sanctioned only about two months ago.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: My question is "how long this dangerous condition of the road was in existence without being changed"?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About three years.

Haripad-Puliyoor Road.

197. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have sanctioned the opening or improvement of the Haripad-Puliyoor road *via* Chennithala and Ennakad;

(*b*) the total distance of the above road;

(*c*) the total distance of this road between Puliyoor and Ennakad which has not yet been made fit for communication;

(*d*) the total cost of improvements effected by the local public on this portion of the road;

(*e*) the condition of the only bridge on this portion of the road at Ennakattumoola;

(*f*) whether representations have been received by Government and the Department on the subject and the action taken thereon; and

(*g*) the probable cost of constructing a bridge at Ennakattumoola, in Chengannur pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes, some portions.

(*b*) 10½ miles.

(*c*) About 4 miles.

(*d*) About Rs. 500/-

(*e*) There is no bridge at Ennakattumoola.

(*f*) Yes. An estimate was prepared, but it is found to require revision due to the present conditions.

(*g*) Rs. 4,350/-

Opium and Ganja Shops in Trivandrum and Nagercoil Divisions.

198. *MR. C. RAMASWAMY NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total auction amount of opium and ganja shops in Trivandrum and Nagercoil divisions for the year 1118; and

(*b*) such amount for the said divisions for the year 1119?

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MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) Total auction amount of opium and ganja shops in Trivandrum Division, for 1118 Rs. 15,275.

Total auction amount of opium and ganja shops in Nagercoil Division for 1118 Rs. 13,320.

(*b*) Final figures are not available.

Dispensaries in Todupuzha taluk.

199. * MR. P. V. MATHAI CHEMPARATHY (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the public of Todupuzha for opening more dispensaries in Todupuzha taluk ; and

(*b*) the number of patients treated at the dispensary, Todupuzha in 1118 till the end of Edavam ?

DR. S. JOHN (*Ag. Surgeon-General*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 15,159.

Ryots' road from Perumpanachi to Thottakad.

200. * MR. K. S. SEBASTIAN (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received representations for the construction of a ryots' road from Perumpanachi to Thottakad in the Changanacherry taluk; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, Government have taken in the matter ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) None, as the road has to be opened by the ryots according to the Ryots' Roads Rules.

MR. K. S. SEBASTIAN : May I know from the Chief Engineer whether a solution has not been recommended by the Public Works Advisory Committee ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Yes, Sir, to be taken as a ryots road.

Breaches on the Chengannur-Mannar Public Road.

201. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of breaches on the Chengannur-Mannar public road *via* Pandanad, in Tiruvalla taluk, between Vanmazhi and Chengannur ;

(*b*) how they were caused and when ;

(*c*) the number of accidents that took place on account of the breaches ;

(*d*) whether representations have been received by the Chief Engineer or the Executive Engineer, Quilon, on the subject ; and

(*e*) the action taken on such representations ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Three.

(*b*) Due to the floods, one in 1116 and two in Mithunam 1118.

(*c*) None.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*d*).

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